Targets in Seventh Five Year Plan for Opening Kendria Vidyalayas

931. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had decided to open 100 Kendriya Vidyalayas annually during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether the target has since been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not adise.

Increase in Employment Opportunities for Labour

@932. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of increase in the employment of labour in the country both in rural and urban areas at the end of 1988 as compared to the emploment opportunities created at the end of 1987;

(b) whether any evaluation of programmes for alleviating poverty are creating employment for the labour in the States had been made by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The information on percentage of increase in employment of labour in the country both in rural and urban areas at the end of 1988 as compared to the employment opportunities created at the end of 1987 is not available except for the organised sector. The employment in organised sector stood at 25.96 million in December, 1988 as compared to 25.62 million in December, 1987.

(b) Evaluation of programmes for self and wage employment generation namely, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which is a major poverty alleviation programme and National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) which was in operation till 1988-89 in order to generate rural employment as also a measure of poverty alleviation were carried out by P.E.O. in 1985 and in 1987 respectively. Besides, these programmes were also concurrently evaluated by Department of Rural Development.

(c) On the basis of the findings of the evaluation studies, mid-course correction of the programmes are effected. The findings are also useful for modification of wage employment programmes.

Space Research Programmes at Sahar, Sriharikota in Andhra Pdadesh

933. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes at Sahar, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh in space research; and

(b) what are the details regarding targets and their achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDU-

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CATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The SHAR Centre at Sriharikota is the main launch base of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for launching satellite launch vehicles and sounding rockets. The ISRO Range Complex (IREX) and the country's largest Solid Propellant Space Booster Plant (SPROB) are at this Centre. The Centre also operates the Static Test and Evaluation Complex (STEX) and the computerised data processing facilities to support the indigenous launch vehicle development and missions.

(b) The SHAR Centre so far has launched four Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 (SLV 3) and two Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) apart from about 300 sounding rockets. Recent achievements include the successful casting and testing of a 125 tonne solid booster (Word's third largest booster), erection and commissioning of 3500 tonne Mobile Service Structure for launching of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and establishment of Precision Coherent Monopulse C-band Radar (PCMC) system.

Pension for Ex-servicemen

934. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is spent on the pension for ex-servicemen; and

(b) what is the present number of ex-servicemen getting such pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The amount likely to be spent during 1989-90 is estimated at about Rs. 1200 crores.

(b) the number is estimated at about 10 lakhs.

Cut in use of imported content by CTV manufacturers

935. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged all the Colour TV manufacturers in the country to cut import content of electronic equipment;

(b) if so, whether the colour TV manufacturers in the country are presently using imported parts of more than forty per cent; and

(c) if so, the steps Government purpose to take to direct colour TV manufacturers to install indigenous parts in colour TVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (c) After announcing policy for setting up of CTV industry in the country in 1983, steps were initiated to promote indigenous manufacture of CTV components. The import content has been progressively coming down.

(b) No, Sir.

Expansion of development programmes of women and children

936. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand programmes relating to the development of women and children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which these programmes would be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF